

*****Media Advisory*****

Recovery Energy Events with Rep. Wilson

Wilson to tour two local energy projects funded by the Recovery Plan

Washington, D.C. – On Friday, April 17, Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) will make two stops to visit energy projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. First he'll stop at a weatherization project at a home in The Plains and then he'll head to the Wayne National Forest to view a solar panel expansion project. The two sites are less than 10 minutes apart. **The media are welcome at both and are encouraged to go to the home first and then follow the Congressman and his staff to the Wayne National Forest. Wilson will be able to take media questions following the tour at Wayne National Forest.**

Who:

Congressman Charlie Wilson, Ohio's Sixth District
Doug Stanley, Community Action
Jo Reyer, Forest Supervisor
DeVela Clark, District Ranger
Tim Slone, District Ranger
Steve Marchi, Forest Engineer
Jerry Welch, D.J. Group
Michelle & Geoff Greenfield, Third Sun Solar & Wind Power, Ltd.

When & Where:

Friday, April 17, 2009
Stop #1 **9:15** – 9:45 a.m.
96 East 1st Street
The Plains, OH
Stop #2 **10** – 10:45 a.m.
Wayne National Forest, Forestry H.Q.
13700 US Hwy 33
Nelsonville

What:

Weatherization Background –

Community Action has received funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to weatherize low to moderate income households. Community Action has already hired 4-5 people to perform these upgrades.

Athens County typically weatherizes 125-130 households in a year, and usually has a waiting list of an additional 125-130. The Recovery funds should allow the organization to not only take care of its waiting list but help additional families as well.

Wayne National Forest Solar Project Background –

Wayne National Forest has received money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to install additional solar panels on its headquarters building in Nelsonville. Currently, the building has 50 panels. The plan is to install 250 more. This will enable the facility to generate up to 50% of its own power with solar energy during the summer months.

The D.J. Group from Beverly is the contractor for the project. D.J. is a “Service Disabled Veterans Owned Small Business” and has already hired one person due to the business created by Recovery funding. Third Sun Solar & Wind Power, Ltd. of Athens has been hired as a Subcontractor to provide the solar panels and help in the installation with D.J. Group.

D.J. Group hopes to begin installation at Wayne National Forest in approximately 5-6 weeks.